

AN INTRUSIVE MOUND SITE IN JASPER COUNTY, INDIANA

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The Intrusive Mound pipe (Fig 1) was found by Albert Pullins in 1940 in what was apparently a low mound in a garden on a home site northeast of Burks Grade, Barkley Twp., Jasper County, Indiana. Two flint blades and a knife were also found with the pipe. Bob Nesius of Indiana first collected this material and after it passed through several collections, I acquired it.

When I first examined this collection

I called Bob Nesius — and my wife and I went to his home in Indiana where he took us to the place where it was found (Fig. 2). The small mound is now only 12 inches in height having been farmed over for many years. The area surrounding the mound appears to have been a low marsh or swamp in prehistoric times with a small creek flowing through it. There is a mound of around 12 ft to 15 ft in height — apparently unexcavated — not far away.

Along with the pipe were two distinctive blades heavily covered with red ocher (Figure 3) — the knife — not pictured — had no red ocher on it.

These artifacts and their discovery add a new dimension to the understanding of the Intrusive Mound culture and significantly extends the area where the culture manifests itself.



Figure 1 (Ford) Two views of Intrusive Mound pipe from Jasper Co., Indiana.



*Figure 2
(Ford)
Pair of ocher
encrusted blades
found with pipe.*



Figure 3 (Ford) General view and location of mound and find spot.

